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Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States
and encouraging the celebration of “Korean American Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the
United States and encouraging the celebration of “Ko-
rean American Day”.

Whereas on January 13, 1903, the arrival of 102 pioneer im-
migrants to the United States initiated the first chapter
of Korean immigration to the United States;

Whereas members of the early Korean American community
served with distinction in the Armed Forces of the
United States during World War I, World War II, and
the conflict in Korea;

Whereas in the early 1950s, thousands of Koreans, fleeing
from war, poverty, and desolation, came to the United
States seeking opportunities;

Whereas Korean Americans, like waves of immigrants to the United States before them, have taken root and thrived as a result of strong family ties, robust community support, and countless hours of hard work;

Whereas the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States include the invention of the first beating heart operation for coronary artery heart disease, development of the nectarine, a 4-time Olympic gold medalist, and achievements in engineering, architecture, medicine, acting, singing, sculpture, and writing;

Whereas Korean Americans play a crucial role in maintaining the strength and vitality of the United States-Korean partnership;

Whereas the centennial year of 2003 marked an important milestone in the now more than 100-year history of Korean immigration; and

Whereas the Centennial Committees of Korean Immigration and Korean Americans have designated January 13th of each year as “Korean American Day” to memorialize the more than 100-year journey of Korean Americans in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of a “Korean
3 American Day”;

4 (2) commemorates the 103rd anniversary of the
5 arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United
6 States; and

7 (3) encourages the people of the United States
8 to—

1 (A) share in such commemoration in order
2 to greater appreciate the valuable contributions
3 Korean Americans have made to the United
4 States; and

5 (B) to observe “Korean American Day”
6 with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and ac-
7 tivities.

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